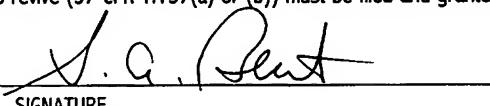


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FORM PTO-1390 (Modified)  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(REV 12-2004)

TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>074439-0102</b> U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) <b>Unassigned 10/579906</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/017182	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 11/18/2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 11/21/2003
TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD FOR EVALUATING RNAI ACTIVITY AND miRNA ACTIVITY		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Yuki NAITO et al.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.		
2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.		
3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.		
4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).		
5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))		
<input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.		
<input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)		
6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.		
<input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).		
7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))		
<input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).		
<input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.		
<input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.		
8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).		
9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).		
10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).		
Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included:		
11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.		
12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.		
13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.		
14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.		
15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.		
16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.		
17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 – 1.825		
18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).		
19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).		
20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: International Search Report; Assertion of Small Entity Status:		

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TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =			\$ 1490.00																				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.			+ \$ 745.00																				
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NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.																							
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ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.27(c)(1), Applicants hereby assert entitlement to small entity status in the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

Date 16 May 2006

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